

CHILD CARE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 10, 2008, Natural Resources Building 1594 West North Temple, Room 1040

Members Present: Carol Holcombe; Dale Smith; Diane Wilkinson; David Rothschild; George Garff; Michael Libeck; and Carol Thompson.

Members Excused: Christiana Peterson; Susan Cochella; Wendy Hobson-Rohrer; Vicki Bird; and Susan Williams-Ashby.

Staff Present: Joan Isom; Teresa Whiting; Dr. Marc Babitz; Lynda Worthington; Jessica Strout; and Donna Thomas.

Nominations:

Ms. Holcombe made a motion to nominate Dale Smith as the Chairperson of the CCLAC. David Rothschild seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. David Rothschild made a motion to nominate Carol Thompson as the vice chairperson for the CCLAC. George Garff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Minutes:

David Rothschild stated that the dates listed on the minutes for the followup meeting on the Tuesday after the CCLAC meeting should have been November 13, 2007 instead of November 11, 2007 and the date of the Legislative Interim committee meeting should have said November 15, 2007 instead of November 13, 2007. Dr. Babitz stated that there was an e-mail correction sent in from Julie Mohr, Mountainland CCR&R which stated that Timpanogas Wee Care is a licensed program and they do take community children and they are licensed. Mr. Rothschild suggested that we clarify on page 4, that the individual was referring to Washington state. Susan Keel stated that her comments should read that she helps providers get set up to receive child care subsidy payments. David Rothschild made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Holcombe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on Family and RC Rules:

Ms. Whiting stated that she had just gotten the family and RC rules back from the Department attorney. She stated that she plans on filing them next week and when they are filed every RC and family licensed provider will receive a green postcard informing them where they can submit public comment on these rules. There will be a 30-day public comment period. She stated that the attorneys only clarify the rules, they don't change them.

3. Update on Exempt portion of licensing statute:

Ms. Whiting stated that when she met with the Health and Human Services interim committee in November they declined to go forward with a bill to clarify the statute. The Department will deal with clarifying the statute in administrative rules in the spring of next year because currently we are working on the family and RC rules.

4. Background screening for Licensing staff:

Licensing staff should all have their background screening completed by March. Social Security numbers are listed on the BCI form and these forms are sent back to the provider after they have been scanned. This information is password protected.

New Business:

1. Ms. Holcombe stated that new business cannot be voted on by the committee unless the public has been notified 24 hours in advance, but it can be discussed and added to the next meetings agenda.
2. Karen Silver, SLCAP, stated that she had revised information for parents and providers to contact their legislator. She stated that the website had changed, but she had not changed it on the paperwork. The new website is: le.utah.gov. This year DWS is asking for \$502,000 to help parents to continue to receive child care subsidies whose income has increased. This program from The Office of Work and Family Life is called a step down or two tiered program which will allow parents to receive child care subsidies longer even though their income has increased. She also attached information listing all of the county clerks that you may contact if you are unsure who is your legislator. Ms. Silver stated that phone calls are more effective because legislators get thousands of e-mails a day. She stated that you may call them any time. They are in legislative sessions from 8:00-5:00 and then they have a break from 12:00-2:00. She stated that you may need to be persistent. Ms. Silver stated that if you are interested in seeing the Legislative process in action UCAPA is hosting a democracy day on January 25, 2008 from 8:00 - 2:00. You may contact them at utahcap.org.
3. Ms. Wilkinson stated that the BATC has a fingerprint scanner and that it takes 72 hours to return the background check. She questioned whether these background scanners can be used by the Bureau. She stated that she hired an employee that needed fingerprints and she just got the CBS/MIS form back and the employee had already quit. She stated that she is looking for a quicker way to get the CBS/MIS forms back to the provider. Outside individuals can access this scanner for a \$50.00 fee. Ms. Holcombe questioned Mr. Smith to see if he could research and find out what the cost of one of these scanners would be. Dr. Babitz stated that the CCLAC could make a request to have the Bureau research the cost and the possibility to purchase an electronic scanner and then give a report at the next meeting. Mr. Rothschild questioned what was so magic about five years. Ms. Whiting stated that the five year time period is in the statute. Ms. Holcombe questioned why a person who has not made a mistake in ten years should not be allowed to provide or work in a child care facility. Mr. Garff stated that individuals who fall into this category should have their record expunged. Dr. Babtiz stated that the juvenile law required the Bureau to run all child care providers 28 years and younger. The law states that if you committed an act as a juvenile that would have kept you out of child care as an adult, then you will not be allowed to do child care. Ms. Holcombe questioned how a person would get their record expunged. Dr. Babitz stated the individual needs to go to the court where they were tried and submit papers. He stated that for busy jurisdictions it may take up to six months to get your record expunged.
4. Starting in March the CCLAC meeting will begin at 9:30.

5. Dr. Babitz stated that if you have an item that you would like discussed at the next meeting you need to contact the Bureau so that your agenda item can be publicized by the Bureau.

6. Ms. Holcombe suggested that the Child care associations be added to the interested parties e-mail that is sent out concerning the CCLAC meetings.

7. Mr. King questioned what the CCLAC members do in their meetings. Ms. Holcombe stated that the CCLAC advise on all rules. Dr. Babitz stated that the audit report stated that the CCLAC should listen carefully to the advisory committee. He stated that anything concerning the welfare of young children could be discussed at this meeting. Ms. Holcombe stated that the federal food program does not take into consideration the really good health of children and how can we get that fixed. Dr. Babitz suggested that the CCLAC invite the food program representatives to discuss this issue. Ms. Holcombe questioned how do we contact the FDA to change the federal food program. Dr. Babitz stated that she would need to contact the USDA or our state senators and representatives. Dr. Babitz stated that if child care providers have questions that they would like to discuss with the food program that would need to invite them to the next CCLAC meeting to discuss these concerns. A list of concerns will be provided to the food program so that they can be addressed.

Mr. Rothschild made a motion to give Ms. Holcombe a vote of thanks and that we adjourn this meeting. Ms. Holcombe seconded the motion and thanked everyone for their support. She stated that if anyone has an item they would like discussed at these committee meetings they may contact Joan Isom at CCLAC@utah.gov.

Carol Holcombe, Chairperson

Teresa Whiting, Executive Secretary